

# 'FREE BROWDER' RALLIES AT 4 HALLS THIS MONDAY

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### Weather

Local: Partly cloudy and moderately cold with fresh northwest winds tonight.  
Eastern New York: Fair, not much change in temperature.  
New Jersey: Fair, not much change in temperature.

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## BROWDER SENTENCE SEEN AS BLOW BY LATIN AMERICANS

Plans Made for Wide Protests By Mexican Progressives

By Alfred Miller  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21.—The United States Supreme Court's action in condemning Earl Browder to prison is considered here as "the signal for a sharp renewal of persecution of the labor movement," not only in the United States but throughout Latin America, and the people of Mexico must be informed of the facts, the Political Bureau of the Mexican Communist Party told the Daily Worker today.

Plans are being made now, it was said, for a nation-wide campaign to acquaint every trade union in this country, every peasant organization and every progressive group,

For the fifth consecutive day the Daily Worker publishes some of the flood of telegrams and letters received by Earl Browder, by the Daily Worker and by the National Committee of the Communist Party pledging devotion and support to Earl Browder and protesting the Supreme Court ruling ordering him to serve a four-year prison term for a technical passport violation. Turn to page 5.

with the facts in the Browder frame-up, so that they will understand the implications in this action on the part of Yankee imperialism.

"Not only the Communist Parties of Mexico and of all Latin America but the entire working class and the most advanced sectors of the peoples of this continent see in Browder's condemnation a vicious blow directed at themselves," Miguel Velasco, C.F.M. leader, declared.

### FRIEND OF LATIN AMERICA

"Earl Browder is not only one of the most prominent leaders of the working people of North America but also one of the greatest friends of the Latin-American peoples, whom he has defended in articles and speeches and in his every day activities."

"The peoples of Latin America see him much because in the very heart of Yankee imperialism he has frankly denounced the plans of the Yankee bankers concerning our peoples," Velasco emphasized.

"The verdict of the Supreme Court cannot be interpreted otherwise. It is class justice without disguise. To condemn the leader of a minority political party to four years of imprisonment and a \$2,000 fine just on a passport technically is clear evidence of the trembling fear of the Yankee ruling class. It is also a clear indication of the important role the Communist Party of the United States is playing under the leadership of Earl Browder."

"And if reaction believes that they can lessen the importance of this party by beating it, by throwing Earl Browder into jail for four long years, in an effort to lessen the resistance of the North American working class to their war plans, they may find that they are very much mistaken," the Mexican Communist leader said.

"Perhaps the leaders of Yankee imperialism never heard of Karl Liebknecht, whose prison cell in Berlin became the organizing center for the anti-war activities of the German labor movement during the last World War. Even today, 22 years after they murdered him, Liebknecht still continues to serve in the struggle against imperialist war and for the liberation of all the oppressed peoples," Velasco said.

"And if they jail Browder today, it will serve their lost cause just as little as did the imprisonment and the murder of Liebknecht."

"In Mexico the condemnation of Earl Browder is considered the signal for a sharp renewal of the persecution of the labor movement, not only in the United States but throughout Latin America," Velasco, speaking for the Political Bureau of his Party, declared.

## See Overflow At 4 Browder Protest Rallies

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Principal Speaker at Chicago Rally

The "Free Browder" rallies on Monday night will provide a measure of the determination of New York City progressives to rally around Earl Browder and the issues which he symbolizes, the Party's New York State Committee declared today.

"Therefore the capacity of the streets, not the capacity of the halls, will determine attendance," the Committee said.

Four rallies will hear Earl Browder and other national and state leaders of the Communist Party and Young Communist League. The halls, the largest that were available in Manhattan, are in Mecca Temple, Central Opera House and the Capitol Hotel. With the exception of the YCL-organized Capitol Hotel rally, which will begin at 7:30 P. M., the meetings open at 8 P. M.

Earl Browder will make his first speech early in the evening at the Capitol Hotel.

Stressing that the "Free Browder" rallies are not a climax of a campaign, but a beginning, the State Committee declared that they would mark the opening of a "higher stage of militant and collective action for peace and freedom."

### ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN SPEAKS IN CHICAGO

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—With mass indignation aroused here against the conviction of Earl Browder, a huge protest meeting will be held at the Ashland Auditorium on Thursday at 8 P. M.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, secretary of the Committee to defend the Civil Rights of Communists, will be the main speaker.

The protest rally will also be addressed by:

### Italy Slashes Fat Rations, Bans Ice Cream, Pastry

ROME, Feb. 21 (UP).—Italy today slashed fat rations to less than half of an ounce per person a day, banned the sale of ice cream and pastry after March 1 and reviewed her economic position with German experts.

Premier Benito Mussolini met with Dr. Karl Clodius, Germany's No. 1 economic expert, as the drastic steps were announced in tightening wartime economy.

## Ben Gold to Speak at Mike Gold Celebration

Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, is the latest to add his name to the list of speakers, headed by Earl Browder, who will honor Mike Gold for his 25 years of literary activity in behalf of the labor movement at the celebration to be held by the Daily Worker at Manhattan Center on Sunday afternoon, March 2.

In addition to Browder, other speakers will include Richard Wright, Art Young, Joseph North, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and Louis F. Budenz. Benjamin Davis Jr. will be chairman.

In a letter to the arrangements committee, Ben Gold wrote: "I consider it a distinct privilege and honor to be invited to speak at the celebration of Mike Gold's 25 years of activity."

The arrangements committee announced yesterday that the sketch written by Alan Max especially for the occasion has gone into rehearsal with a cast of seven. The sketch was inspired by Mike Gold's series of articles on "The Great Tradition, Can the Literary Renegades Destroy It?" and is entitled "Ex-Comrade X."

Mordecai Bauman, popular baritone and old friend of Mike Gold, will be featured on the program.

An original portrait of Mike Gold by Fred Ellis, Daily Worker cartoonist, will be awarded to the person selling most tickets for the occasion.

## Bulgarian Press Hints Nazi Troops May Come

Eden Expected to Go to Turkey to Confer With Leaders

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 21 (UP).—Dispatches constituting an official recognition of the possibility of German troops passing through Bulgaria appeared for the first time in Bulgarian newspapers today.

The reports, which could not have been printed without the approval of censors, were from Belgrade and said Yugoslavia never had threatened to attack Bulgaria if Bulgaria agreed to the passage of German forces.

The publication followed closely the disclosure that Bulgaria is undertaking partial mobilization. Military preparations had been evident to the public, and the mobilization of railroad, supply services and bakery workers throughout the country had been announced.

### EDEN TO GO TO ANKARA

ISTANBUL, Feb. 21 (UP).—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is expected to arrive in Ankara soon from Egypt for consultations on measures to be taken under the Anglo-Turkish alliance in event of a further German thrust through the Balkans. It was understood tonight.

Eden's reported visit to Ankara was regarded by neutral diplomats here as "confirmation" that the Turkish-British mutual aid pact remains in full effect regardless of Turkey's newly-announced sentiment of friendship and non-alignment with Bulgaria.

It was not disclosed whether General Sir John G. Dill, chief of the British imperial general staff, would accompany Eden to Ankara. Eden and Dill were reported yesterday to have arrived in Egypt to plan for consultations on British military and diplomatic strategy in the African, Balkan and Eastern Mediterranean war zones.

### BUDAPEST, Feb. 21 (UP).

German troops were reported without confirmation tonight to be pouring across the Danube and crossing the Hungarian territory, where "discontent" over the Nazi military moves was said to have involved Hungarian soldiers in rioting at one point.

A Belgrade report reaching Budapest said that since noon today Nazi troops had been steadily crossing the Danube from Rumania over pontoon bridges at 17 points and were setting up encampments on the Bulgarian side.

The Bulgarian government, having mobilized military and public service workers under emergency decrees, was understood to have summoned 150,000 more troops to the colors.

## WAR-TIME CENSORSHIP OF PRESS, RADIO BY GOV'T ON WAY, FDR HINTS

I WON That Revolution--Remember?

--by Ellis



Lectures Correspondents on Kind of Stories Not to Print

TALKS WITH CREEL

Recent Moves Indicate Machinery Is Being Established

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The American people may not know it yet, but government censorship of the press is fast becoming a reality.

Civil liberties were an early casualty of war hysteria. Now it is freedom of the press that is in danger of being snuffed out completely as part of the administration's drive toward American involvement in war.

President Roosevelt focused attention today on the growing trend toward censorship of the press and radio when he lectured newspaper correspondents at his morning press conference on the kind of stories that should be printed and the kind that should not be printed.

And the significant thing is that the President's remarks were made against a background of recent events which indicate that the machinery for government censorship is already taking shape.

### F. D. R. SEES CREEL

Within the last month, George Creel, chairman of President Wilson's Committee on Public Information, has twice conferred with President Roosevelt at the White House.

Creel is apparently again playing an important part in advising the administration on the setting up of a censorship apparatus, but it is generally known in Washington that there will be a new head for the Creel Committee in this war.

Stated as chief of the censorship set-up is Lowell Mellett, former Scripps-Howard editor who is now director of the Office of Government Reports as well as an executive assistant to the President.

An important move toward increasing Mellett's powers came earlier this week when Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, administration wheel-horse, introduced a bill which would give the Office of Government Reports a \$150,000 appropriation annually. This was considered in informed circles here as a step toward war censorship machinery.

There are but a few of the current developments that made the President's remarks on censorship at his morning press conference unusually significant—much more significant and far-reaching than most of the newspaper stories which this correspondent has seen so far would indicate.

### GIVES EXAMPLE

The President told newspapermen that publication of a story (which he said General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, had told him before the Senate Military Affairs Committee in executive session that American planes were being rushed to Pacific bases was detrimental to national defense).

He said that in the first place there was a question of morals, ethics and patriotism as to whether Senators should have divulged what General Marshall told them in executive session.

In the second place, the President continued, there was the same question of morals, ethics and patriotism as to whether the wire services should have carried the story and the newspapers printed it.

The President said that war and navy officials should have the last word as to whether or not stories of this kind should come out.

He denied a moment later that the newspaper reports were accurate, but in any case, he seemed to many observers to have a right to know what was going on in the Far East, which was tantamount as a result of administration policy.

In part the President was evidently attempting to brow-beat Congressmen and Senators into silence on the proceedings of the

## 18th C.P.S.U. Parley Ends, Stalin Cheered

Litvinov, Others Removed From Central Comm.; Some Made Alternates

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 21.—Chairman Andrei Zhdanov tonight formally adjourned the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union after a session devoted to organizational questions.

In the closing session of the Congress the delegates greeted with stormy applause Joseph Stalin and members of the presidium of the Congress.

The day's discussion had been devoted to the third agenda point of the Congress designated as "Organizational Questions" and had been marked with exhaustive discussion of the work of certain members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

Following this discussion was the decision to remove several members from the Central Committee and to transfer certain other members from full membership to the position of alternate members. The Congress adopted the following decision:

### NAMES THOSE REMOVED

"In conformity with Clause 36 of the rules of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to expel from membership in the Central Committee the following comrades who have failed to cope with their duties as members of the Central Committee:

"N. M. Antokolsky, M. M. Litvinov, I. A. Likhachev, F. A. Merkulov

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## Report Armed Nazi Forces In Spanish City

LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP).—Dispatch of German Army "relief" units to Santander marks the first open Nazi "armed" penetration of Spain, well-informed quarters believed tonight.

These quarters revealed that Great Britain is watching developments in Spain closely but officials declined comment pending official confirmation of the news.

No report on the German movement has been received as yet from Sir Samuel Hoare, British Ambassador to Spain, or the British consul at Santander. It was said, but unnamed quarters believed the Germans are using a humanitarian pretense to drive the first wedge into Spain.

## Restore Fourth Army Chinese C. P. Demands

Communists Lay Down 12 Conditions for Continued Cooperation With Chungking; Invaders Profit By Chiang's Move

(Special to International News)

HONGKONG (By Clipper Mail).—A forthright demand that the Chungking government of Chiang Kai-shek rescind its order disbanding the New Fourth Route Army and at once set General Yeh Ting free and restore him to his position as head of that army has been made by the Communist Party of China, according to an announcement made public here.

The Communist declaration, sent to the Kuomintang from the Eighth Route Army headquarters in Yenai lays down in all twelve conditions for the removal of friction in the united front between them and the Central Government, insisting on their immediate and full acceptance as the only basis for further co-operation.

Unless these twelve conditions are accepted by the Central Government, further negotiations, say the Communists, are undesirable.

The twelve demands are as follows:

1. Ceasing provocative steps leading toward an anti-Communist civil war.
2. Annulment of the government orders of January 17 disbanding the 4th Army and calling for the court martial of Yeh Ting, commander of the 4th Army. An apology in the name of the government.
3. The punishment of Ho Ying-ching, Minister of War; Ku Chong-tung, Commander of the Third War Zone, and General Shangkuan

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## 300,000 CIO Members Hit FDR War Bill

Michigan Unionists Call Bill 'Climax' to Warlike Gov't Actions

By William Allan  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 21.—Three hundred thousand CIO workers organized in the Wayne County CIO, have sent a strongly worded resolution demanding the defeat of the lend-lease bill directly to President Roosevelt.

This follows a number of other actions by this powerful body of Detroit unionists. Weeks ago they were on record against it, then they sent a large delegation to Washington to lobby against the war-dictatorship bill, and at the last meeting of the CIO council this week they sent a resolution directly to the President.

The resolution in part states: "The lend-lease bill would strike a crushing blow at the living standards of the American people and to the very life of the labor movement, by destroying the Wagner Act, the National Labor Relations Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the National Labor Relations Board."

"This bill, which if passed, will climax a series of similar warlike measures, and would not only give the President power to regiment labor by destroying its rights to strike and establish a fascist rule in this country, but would also invest in him the absolute power to take us into war, to which the majority of

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## Soviet Union America's Best Customer Of All Non-Belligerents in the World

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—The Soviet Union purchased more American products during 1940 than any other non-belligerent European country. Figures released by the Department of Commerce today indicated that peaceful trade with the USSR was exceeded among European countries only by war material purchases of England and France.

Exports, amounting to a total of \$88,943,000, consisted mainly of manufactured and semi-manufactured goods. Leather, wheat and cotton were among the largest items imported by the Soviet Union. Difficulties experienced by the

Soviet Union in obtaining certain materials from the major belligerents resulted in a substantial rise in the import of American refined copper, seamless casing and oil-line pipe.

"Since the beginning of the war," the Department of Commerce stated, "exports of refined copper have shown an astonishing rise, occasioned by the impossibility of obtaining the metal from usual European sources. The same is true of copper wire and brass and bronze plates and sheets."

These facts made it plain that increased Soviet purchases here for the most part replaced materials previously obtained from other

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## Plot on Cuba Born in U. S., Senator Says

Conspirators Against Batista Had Made Many Trips to Washington, He Charges; Cites Financial Threats and Pressure

(Special to International News)

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 21.—Senator Vasconcelos, prominent Cuban journalist and Cabinet Minister, in a recent statement issued here, declared that the attempted military coup against the Batista government early this month was inspired by the United States imperialist administration in Washington, D. C.

## Wall Street Plots Against Cuba, Says Hoy

E. S. Imperialism Joins Native Reaction, Paper Charges

(Special to International News)

HAVANA, Feb. 21.—The enemies of Cuba, those within and without, want to keep the status quo in that country because the status quo is profitable to them, and that is why they attack Colonel Fulgencio Batista and his program, says Hoy, progressive Cuban paper, in an editorial today.

Both the domestic exploiters and the imperialist robbers oppose any progressive move by the people of this anti-colonial island, and only the fullest unity on the part of the people will enable them to put their program into successful practice, Hoy declares.

The Hoy editorial reads in part as follows:

"We see the people have won several victories in the face of their enemies: the Constituent Assembly, the present constitution, the defeat of recent attacks on the president, the planned attacks by agents of foreign powers.

"But in spite of these triumphs it cannot be said that the march of the people toward a free, prosperous and peaceful Cuba, which the people desire so much, has been accelerated. Far from it.

## NEW CHIEFS COUNTRY

"In the first place, the economic crisis, precipitated and aggravated by the imperialist war cripples the country, depresses its national economy and starves the people.

"In the second place, taking advantage of this situation, the forces that maintain Cuba and transform it into a factory of the foreign bankers, into a colonial land, are working at full speed to prevent any liberation effort, to keep the island in the dictatorial clutches, to the banks and companies who have robbed Cuba and who today lost it and extract large profits for the financial Wall Street and elsewhere.

"In the third place the magnates of finance, the domestic parasites, the lords of the Empire of Commerce, the profiteers who loot the cities and the bourgeoisie who rob the peasants, closely allied with and in the service of foreign interests, are unleashing a furious offensive against the standard of living of the people. They want to lower wages for greater profits. They ask the submission to geographical destiny. For the blocking of any economic, in Cuba, economy, and for the permanent maintenance of the status quo, on which they live and thrive while the vast majority of the Cuban people perish, while national industry languishes and the entire country is impoverished.

"Hoy" called for a firm policy against internal intrigues and foreign interference. Quoting Dr. Lopez, popular ex-President of Columbia, it declared this "is the hour to work for the consolidation of national independence."

## Soviet Union Is a Leading U. S. Customer

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bargo on certain materials which it held essential to "national defense" affected Soviet-American trade. Exports of molybdenum ore and sales of aircraft and parts showed a sharp decline.

## INTERFERENCE EVIDENT

Interference by the administration with Soviet-American trade was indicated in considerable fluctuations in monthly export figures. Trade fell from a January high of \$12,000,000 to a May low of \$499,000, due largely to difficulties encountered in procuring the necessary shipping facilities.

Expanding Soviet industrial production required substantial imports of American machinery. Items showing unusual increases were internal combustion engines, construction and conveying machinery, and oil well and refining machinery.

United States imports from the Soviet Union in 1940 continued to be small and even showed a slight reduction from 1939. Several crude materials of importance in certain American manufacturing industries accounted for the bulk of imports.

Most important products imported were undressed furs, caviar, crab meat, bristles and licorice root. Shipments of manganese increased 120 per cent in quantity over 1939 due to expansion of American steel production and war orders. Another striking increase was noted in the importation of cigarette tobacco.



To Help Spain's Fighters: View of platform at Manhattan Center Thursday night chartered by the American Rescue Ship Mission to transport Spanish Loyalist refugees from French concentration camps to Mexico. At the microphone is Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the United Spanish Aid Committee, parent organization of the Rescue Mission.

## War-Time Censorship of Press, Radio by Gov't, F. D. R. Hints

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Executive committee sessions as well as to impose news standards on the press.

Perhaps most important of all was the fact that the President's answer to questions made it plain that he was not simply objecting to stories containing information of a military nature.

When he was asked about the revelations of administration officials concerning taxes before executive sessions of Congressional Committees, the President said that no line could be drawn between taxes and battleships.

Many newspapermen later pointed out in private conversations that the effect of such a policy would be to reduce them to the status of writing only what the administration wanted to see in print and distributed through government hand-outs.

The President repeatedly denied that he was thinking of government censorship, and emphasized that he was counting on the voluntary cooperation of publishers to keep certain kinds of stories out of the newspapers.

## RECALL SUPPRESSION

But it was just this kind of "voluntary cooperation" between the Crel Committee and the publishers that resulted to a large extent in the effective and all-inclusive censorship that existed during the first World War.

Most publishers are just big business men, and like their colleagues in industry and banking they were wholeheartedly for the last war and are for this one too. A very considerable number of them will no doubt cooperate with the government in suppressing news and in whipping up war hysteria.

But it will be recalled that the Crel Committee replaced all pretenses of operating by means of voluntary censorship with outright suppression in the case of those newspapers which were genuinely anti-war.

And President Roosevelt, just as President Wilson before him, does have far-reaching powers of coercion which he can use against anti-war publications.

He can, for example, use his power of priorities to prevent "uncooperative" newspapers from getting the vital paper and ink without which they could not publish. This power was used with great success against recalcitrant newspapers during the first World War.

As in the last war, the government's censorship effort is taking on a variety of aspects. Together with the suppression of real news

of war propaganda. To the extent that newspapers and the radio will not be permitted to use stories based on the independent work of reporters, they will have to rely on canned releases put out by government agencies.

The censorship trend will probably result in a centralized government press section along the lines of the Crel Committee during the last war.

Propaganda material will be turned out not only for the newspapers but also for the movies, the schools, the radio, for magazines and for organizations of all kinds.

While Lowell Mellett is expected to head up the entire censorship organization, Archibald MacLeish, quondam poet and now Librarian of Congress, will probably play an important role, particularly in the propaganda end of the set-up.

MacLeish has already gathered around himself a sizeable staff of pro-war intellectuals who have been sitting in Library of Congress cubicles engaged in mysterious research projects.

Out of the outstanding members of this group is Dr. Harold D. Lasswell, the Chicago psychologist who was responsible for a number of alleged studies of Communist activities which were actually red-baiting diatribes.

In the field of news suppression, there have been a number of significant developments to indicate the general trend.

Outstanding was a "confidential" personally signed letter which Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox sent last month to thousands of correspondents, editors, magazines and radio and photographic agencies asking that certain specific subjects not be mentioned in public print or on the radio without authorization by the Navy Department.

LISTS SUBJECTS

The heart of the letter, which this correspondent received together with all his Washington colleagues, is contained in the following paragraphs:

"At the moment, the Navy finds itself seriously hampered in the proper conduct of its preparations for the present emergency because of dissemination in the public and thereby to unfriendly powers of certain details concerning these preparations.

"Your cooperation, therefore, is requested after Jan. 15, 1941, in the avoidance of publicity—unless announced or authorized by the Navy Department—on the following subjects:

"(1) Actual or intended movements of vessels or aircraft of the U. S. Navy, of units of naval enlisted personnel or divisions of mobilized reserves, or troop movements of the U. S. Marine Corps;

"(2) Mention of 'secret' technical U. S. Naval weapons or development thereof;

"(3) New U. S. Navy ships or aircraft;

"(4) U. S. Navy construction projects ashore."

Now the Daily Worker has never had the slightest interest in publishing secret information of a purely military nature, but it is obvious that Knox's letter is much broader in scope than it purports to be.

HITS STRIKE NEWS

For example, the request not to even mention the Navy's construction project ashore without official authorization could be used to prevent news stories being written about strikes at plants with Navy contracts.

Equally inclusive is the proposed ban on the subject of "actual or intended" movements of troops, vessels and aircraft. Taken in its literal sense this would seem to apply to stories stating even in general terms that the Navy Department intends to send troops, aircraft or vessels to the Far East or to Europe.

One of the most significant things about this letter is the manner in which Secretary Knox who is himself a millionaire publisher attempted to suppress the contents of the letter and the fact that it had been sent.

This was the real reason that every single copy of the letter was marked "confidential." Newspapermen who wished to write stories on the letter were thus placed in the position of violating a confidence from Secretary Knox for which they had never asked and in which they never agreed to enter.

ences of the President at the White House.

They will shortly receive identification badges which they will have to present in entering the White House and the buildings of the War and Navy Departments and other Government agencies.

Government workers in a number of buildings are already required to wear similar identification badges, and the whole move seems primarily designed to create a war psychosis.

FBI INVESTIGATES

In addition, there have been reliable reports in recent weeks that the FBI has been conducting an intensive investigation of Washington newspapermen.

As part of the cooperation between the government and newspaper publishers there will no doubt be a systematic weeding out of left-wing, progressive and anti-war newspapermen.

Perhaps most ominous of all has been the series of meetings which have taken place recently both in Washington and New York between representatives of the American Newspaper Publishers Association and the administration.

The newspapers, once the most violent and intemperate critics of the President's social reform policies, are now completely in favor of his war program.

And so systematic suppression of news by the publishers will become part of the "national unity" between the administration and all sections of the capitalist class.

Administration spokesmen will, of course, vehemently deny that there will be any censorship. They say that it is all just "voluntary" and "cooperative."

And the censorship will be "voluntary"—except in the case of those newspapers and magazines that insist on printing the truth and opposing the imperialist war.

For them the administration is preparing a machinery of suppression and coercion as part of that crusade for democracy and world civilization which is fast bringing fascism to the United States.

Another Volga city, Stalingrad, with the big tractor plant, is also now a powerful industrial center. Workers' inventions play an important part at the tractor plant. By putting into practice several workers' inventions, the plant was able

to produce 25 per cent more tractors in 1940 than in 1939.

The Chekhovsk region has become transformed into one of the outstanding industrial regions of the Soviet Union. This growth, by the way, is connected with the plan of creating a second base for the coal and metallurgical industry in the eastern part of the Soviet Union. Scores of new plants have been erected in the Chekhovsk region, even new cities have been built. Among the new plants are the Magnitogorsk Iron and Steel Works and the Chekhovsk Tractor Plant Works.

Rebstock, which started from next to nothing as far as industry is concerned, increased its industrial output in 1940 by 7.8 per cent as compared with 1939. An important place in the work of the Chekhovsk region is held by the effort to build up the oil industry there, the so-called "Second Baku." This topic was dealt with at the Conference by the delegate Anoshin.

Summing up, there are only a few of the subjects dealt with by speakers at the 18th Party Conference, where the delegates not only voiced agreement with the proposals advanced in the main reports, such as that by Malenkov, but also shared with the gathering the vast experience accumulated by the Bolshevik organizations in the respective localities, a body of experience which links closely together the whole body of the Soviet people. These are the methods by which the Party Conference seeks to arrive at a joint decision on the most important measures to undertake for the further building of Communism.

What he is doing is old stuff. It seems odd Lenin's observation 25 years ago that never are capitalist governments so much in need of agreement among all parties of the ruling classes, and of the "peaceful" submission of the oppressed classes to this rule, as in time of war. The first-therance of that "agreement" on the one hand and that "submission" on the other is Lenin's goal. The British people will see through it and will proceed, despite it, to set up their people's government which can attain a people's peace.

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## British Dig Out Victims of Nazi Raid

Many Killed in Second Town in Second Night Attack

LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP).—Emergency crews dug today in the wreckage of homes and other buildings at Swansea for victims trapped in a four-hour German air raid on the South Wales port last night.

It was the second straight night the raiders had converged on the Welsh city and subjected it to heavy bombing. Unders were homeless and fatalities numerous.

The Air Ministry reported that British planes bombed German air-dromes in northern France during the night and all returned safely. It said a single British plane bombed the docks at Ymuden, Holland, Thursday and started a big fire.

In Swansea, where much of the damage was reported done to homes, some streets were blocked off as dangerous. Fire damage in the attack was considerable.

## To Ration Metals Here For War Production

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (UP).—Defense officials predicted today that a strict rationing system would be invoked soon on the use of nickel, steel, aluminum and zinc in non-defense production.

The impact of such priorities will be felt principally in common articles. Some items that will have to give way to defense, an official said, are such things as aluminum pots, pans and washing machine agitators; zinc components of brass fixtures and galvanizing processes; and nickel-plated restaurant fixtures.

ences of the President at the White House.

They will shortly receive identification badges which they will have to present in entering the White House and the buildings of the War and Navy Departments and other Government agencies.

Government workers in a number of buildings are already required to wear similar identification badges, and the whole move seems primarily designed to create a war psychosis.

FBI INVESTIGATES

In addition, there have been reliable reports in recent weeks that the FBI has been conducting an intensive investigation of Washington newspapermen.

As part of the cooperation between the government and newspaper publishers there will no doubt be a systematic weeding out of left-wing, progressive and anti-war newspapermen.

Perhaps most ominous of all has been the series of meetings which have taken place recently both in Washington and New York between representatives of the American Newspaper Publishers Association and the administration.

The newspapers, once the most violent and intemperate critics of the President's social reform policies, are now completely in favor of his war program.

And so systematic suppression of news by the publishers will become part of the "national unity" between the administration and all sections of the capitalist class.

Administration spokesmen will, of course, vehemently deny that there will be any censorship. They say that it is all just "voluntary" and "cooperative."

And the censorship will be "voluntary"—except in the case of those newspapers and magazines that insist on printing the truth and opposing the imperialist war.

For them the administration is preparing a machinery of suppression and coercion as part of that crusade for democracy and world civilization which is fast bringing fascism to the United States.

Another Volga city, Stalingrad, with the big tractor plant, is also now a powerful industrial center. Workers' inventions play an important part at the tractor plant. By putting into practice several workers' inventions, the plant was able

to produce 25 per cent more tractors in 1940 than in 1939.

The Chekhovsk region has become transformed into one of the outstanding industrial regions of the Soviet Union. This growth, by the way, is connected with the plan of creating a second base for the coal and metallurgical industry in the eastern part of the Soviet Union. Scores of new plants have been erected in the Chekhovsk region, even new cities have been built. Among the new plants are the Magnitogorsk Iron and Steel Works and the Chekhovsk Tractor Plant Works.

Rebstock, which started from next to nothing as far as industry is concerned, increased its industrial output in 1940 by 7.8 per cent as compared with 1939. An important place in the work of the Chekhovsk region is held by the effort to build up the oil industry there, the so-called "Second Baku." This topic was dealt with at the Conference by the delegate Anoshin.

Summing up, there are only a few of the subjects dealt with by speakers at the 18th Party Conference, where the delegates not only voiced agreement with the proposals advanced in the main reports, such as that by Malenkov, but also shared with the gathering the vast experience accumulated by the Bolshevik organizations in the respective localities, a body of experience which links closely together the whole body of the Soviet people. These are the methods by which the Party Conference seeks to arrive at a joint decision on the most important measures to undertake for the further building of Communism.

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## New Technical Progress Hailed At Soviet Parley

All Regions Benefit By Discussions of Improvements in Various Industries; Keynote Is to Pass Other Countries

By G. Stanley

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 21.—From every part of the vast Soviet Union, local Communist Party leaders with first-hand experience in industry have been addressing the 18th Party Conference here during the past week, sharing with the Conference and with the whole country the industrial experience accumulated in hundreds of localities through three Five-Year Plans.

This experience ranged from reports of new inventions and new Stakhanovite methods of work, to accounts of problems and progress in the newly industrialized regions—all of it described and collected, and put at the service of the Communist Party for its new central task of building up Soviet transport and industry in order to "overtake and surpass" the world leading capitalist countries.

The discussion at the conference revealed, it should be noted, the multifarious activities of the Bolshevik Party. When the working class is in power, the Party of the Working Class must be capable of administration in all fields of economic and cultural life. The 18th Party Conference is considering all questions in the general field of economy, and the discussion therefore gives a clear picture of these problems, which in the Soviet Union are the concern not only of the Government and the Central Committee of the Party, but the concern also of the local Party organizations in the factories, plants and mines and on the ships.

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## War Cuts Carolina Tobacco Farmers' Income by 31%

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21.—The North Carolina Department of Agriculture announced today that tobacco farmers in the state received 31 per cent less for their crop in 1940 as compared with 1939. In 1939 North Carolina tobacco sales were \$121,258,503 and in 1940 only \$84,255,504. Average leaf prices were 10 per cent higher but drastic crop reduction reduced the total income of the farmers in 1940.

Profit reports for the "big three" cigarette companies show that the agricultural crisis has made possible greatly increased profits for the tobacco trust in 1940.

## C.I.O. Council Acts on 11 Issues at Session

Plans Albany Delegation on Thursday to Protest Anti-Labor Bills, Endorses ALP Candidate Connolly in Special Election

With an attendance of more than 400 the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, Thursday night at its regular meeting at Manhattan Center, gave evidence of a wide range of activities and influence of the CIO unions in New York.

The major question before the meeting was the drive of the CIO to organize the 14,000 sanitation workers of the city, and the vivid picture drawn of the conditions of those workers by Abram Flaxer, President of the State, County and Municipal Workers who direct the drive.

### COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council also:

1. Heard Peter Mosselle, regional director of the CIO, announce that three more organizers have been sent to the Long Island plane production area centered at Farmingdale, with the organization drive there gaining momentum.

2. Heard Joseph Curran, president of the Council and National Maritime Union, thank the New York unions for the aid they gave the seamen, by their shower of telegrams upon the shipowners, to "negotiate successfully the first national wage increase in the industry" in the present wage for increases.

3. Prepared to have strong union representation at Albany hearings next Tuesday to protest the strikebreaking and anti-union "defense" legislation now pending.
4. Voted for a resolution opposing the Dirksen Bill now before Congress, aiming to smash the hiring hall of the seamen, and to establish black-list books for them.

5. Endorsed Eugene P. Connolly, chairman of the Manhattan American Labor Party, as a candidate in the 17th Congressional.

6. Voted Support for the Rescue Ship Mission to bring Spanish refugees from France to Mexico.
7. Prepared to sponsor a mass meeting on March 6 against the Lend-Lease Bill and to support the People's Congress sponsored by the American Peace Mobilization.

8. Endorsed the fight of College Teachers Local 537 against the Espy-Coudert Committee's effort to subpoena its membership lists and voted backing for the Zimmer Bill prohibiting such subpoenas.

9. Voted full backing to the Hearst Department Store, Local 1256 in its negotiations for a new contract.

10. Voted to investigate the strike-breaking action of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Joint Board which adopted a statement against the strike of American Newspaper Guild at the Jewish Day, and to submit the facts to CIO President Phillip Murray.

### FLAXER SPEAKS

Flaxer held the council's attention for nearly an hour as he described how sanitation workers are being treated by a phony "union" set-up, and the reign of persecution that prevails in that department against those who show some independence. He pictured the department's workers as facing the most dangerous and unhealthy work in the city, but getting paid far lower than prevailing wage scales.

"Despite this policy, the report for Tuesday and Wednesday, the first actual days of work since Monday's distribution of our leaflet, 500

joined the CIO," he reported. Flaxer told the delegates that the drive was prepared with "quiet work" since last September. The results since then, have now given the CIO sufficient influence and basic support among the department's work to be able to launch the drive.

The organizing committee he heads, included Curran, Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer of the Council; Michael Quill, President of the Transport Workers Union, and Julius Zensky, secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

Nat. Einhorn, secretary of the New York Newspaper Guild, startled the delegates when he reported to them of the open strikebreaking action by Louis Hollander, manager of the ACW Joint Board. After reporting on the issues in the Day strike, of the men fired and wage cuts for others, he read the statement of the ACW Joint Board, the Day ran under pictures of Sidney Hillman, Hollander and other ACW leaders. The statement refers to the strike as a "Moscow" product, and declares it isn't a real labor struggle.

After several delegates expressed the opinion that "strikebreaking is strikebreaking even if Hillman does the strikebreaking," Einhorn requested that the council make its own investigation and submit the facts to Murray, was unanimously carried.

## Mich. Rights Group Calls State Parley

Lansing Meeting to Fight 'Blackout of Liberty'; Set for March 1

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
DETROIT, Feb. 21.—A state wide conference, March 1, in Lansing has been called by the Michigan Civil Rights Federation, to be held at Central Methodist Church.

In the call addressed to several hundred unions, AFL and CIO, also mass organizations, it states: "today a new war crisis threatens to bring about a repetition of the disastrous blackout of civil liberties that began in 1917 and continued for many years after."

The call points out that blackouts against civil liberties proceeds first with the attacks on minority groups, alien workers, Negro people and reaches a point such as we see now in Congress and Michigan's state Capitol, a threatened attack on organized labor, through so-called anti-sabotage legislation.

"This call brands as the old technique of 'divide and rule.' But the call states, 'this is not 1917, this is 1941, the temper of the people is different they are refusing to be divided against themselves. Instead they seek to unite to repel the attempts to nullify the Bill of Rights.' It is in this spirit the call concludes that 'the Civil Rights Federation has called a state wide conference.' A luncheon will be held with the featured guest speaker, Rockwell Kent, president, United Artists Union (CIO).

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## CIO Union Wins in 2 More Plants In Jersey

Settles Foster - Wheeler Strike; Gets Election at Phelps-Dodge

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
NEWARK, Feb. 21.—The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, the CIO's fastest growing union in New Jersey, today scored important victories on two fronts. The 800 strikers of the Foster-Wheeler Corp. at Carteret returned to work after unanimously approving an agreement which gave them substantial concessions.

The National Labor Relations Board ordered a collective bargaining election within 30 days among the 1,600 workers at the Phelps-Dodge Corp. at Elizabeth.

The sole issue in the strike at Phelps-Dodge two weeks ago was the demand for an election to nullify recognition the company claimed it gave to an "independent" organization. The strike was settled when the company agreed to a consent election and to conferences immediately on terms of a pact which is to go into effect if the workers vote for the UERMW. Conferences have been on since the strike ended. A victory for the union is hardly questioned, as during their short strike the workers displayed a unanimous solidarity.

**GET WAGE BOOST**  
The Foster - Wheeler workers, union and non-union, cast a unanimous ballot for their settlement at Slovak Hall in Carteret last night.

The strike came last week when most of the provisions of the pact were settled. But the company refused to grant three holidays with pay. When the company, which has a \$15,000,000 backlog in orders, made the three holidays, which would cost only \$15,000 a year, decisive in refusing to sign the pact, the men voted to strike to show they "meant business."

The pact as finally approved provides for a minimum of 85 cents, against the former 60; adjustment of all wage rates within 30 days on the basis of equal pay for equal work; 5 per cent differential for night shifts; improvement of the vacation system, seniority and, in place of the three holidays, a \$15,000 bonus. The actual granting of the holidays is conditioned upon a certain competitor of the company doing likewise.

In the meantime, the 800 workers were fast joining the union. There was a long line-up immediately after the meeting.

The case of Neil Brant, regional director of the union, involving a charge against him of striking with a gavel a flag which draped the speaker's table at a meeting, was still before the county's grand jury. He is out on \$1,000 bail. An 1813 flag law was invoked against him.

## CIO Shipyard Workers to Hear Parley Report

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
BALTIMORE, Feb. 21.—A membership meeting of Local 31, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, will hear a report of its negotiating committee, today on the progress of conferences with the Maryland Drydock and Shipbuilding Company and will decide on what action the local will take.

Although the management attempted to break off negotiations with the union on the basis of the U. S. Maritime Commission's ruling to "freeze" shipyard wages, the union representatives have pressed their demands on the firm.

It was indicated that the strong stand taken by the Local 31 negotiators, backed by the fact that the yards are now 100 per cent organized, forced the Maritime Commission to exempt the Maryland firm from its original ruling.

## Appeal Filed for Schneiderman, Denies All Charges of 'Fraud'

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—An appeal against the ruling of Federal Judge Michael J. Roche cancelling the citizenship of William Schneiderman, California State secretary of the Communist Party, for his membership in the party, was filed in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here by attorney George Andemsen, chief counsel for the defendant. The appeals brief was signed by State Senator Robert W. Kenny of Los Angeles, George Andemsen, Herbert Roemer, and George Oshausen of San Francisco, and Abraham Unger of New York City.

The appeal denied that there was any fraud or illegality in the obtaining of citizenship by the defendant, that the naturalization statute was applied constitutionally by the court, and contended that the Government asked for the cancellation solely because of the defendant's political opinions and for no other reason.

## Hillman Names 16 Big Business Agents to Head New Labor Division of Defense Commission

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Sidney Hillman has put 16 big business representatives in charge of the regional offices now being set up throughout the country by his Labor Division in the Defense Commission.

Officials of anti-labor companies, sponsors of company unions and efficiency experts are predominant among the appointees of the Associate Director of the Office of Production Management who is also President on leave of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

The chief function of the new regional offices of the Labor Division will be to provide a ready supply of cheap, skilled labor to companies with government arms contracts.

Hillman himself virtually admitted this when he said in his statement announcing the appoint-

ment of his regional representatives that the training program of his Labor Division "is helping industry solve many of the problems of maintaining a steady flow of skilled men and women to tend the machines of defense, and it is providing skilled workers when and where they are needed."

### RAPPED BY LEWIS

John L. Lewis sharply criticized the Hillman training program in his report to the last CIO convention on the ground that it was tending to depress wage levels by training skilled workers without regard to the need for them in industry or the effect of an expanded labor supply on wage levels.

In charge of the new Indianapolis office of the Labor Division is C. R. Evans of the International Harvester Company which is now engaged in combating a strike of its employees for higher wages.

Head of the Denver office is

George Kirk head of the nationally anti-labor Colorado Fuel and Iron Company.

Other Hillman appointees as regional representatives include C. S. Coler of Westinghouse Electric at Pittsburgh, M. M. Glendon of Owens-Illinois Glass Co. at Chicago, General E. G. Warner of General Electric at New York, Paul A. Merit of Sears Roebuck at Chicago and Ernest A. Stowell of Underwood-Elliott Fisher Co. at Newark.

These appointments represent a continuation of the Hillman policy of putting big business executives in charge of the Labor Division's training program.

Channing Dooley, who is the national head of the training program, is personnel director of General Vacuum Oil Co., and Dooley's assistant is Walter Dietz of Western Electric.

Both Dooley and Dietz have sponsored company unions of long

standing for their corporations. Before setting up his regional offices, Hillman attempted in vain to enlist CIO support for his proposed set-up.

When it became clear that support of the CIO executive board would not be forthcoming, Hillman decided to go ahead on his own. Although the official Defense Commission release claimed that Hillman's regional representatives "have been approved both by labor unions and by management," there is no evidence that they have been approved by a single union or labor organization.

Hillman received another important setback from the CIO last week when a meeting of its executive officers rejected an administration proposal for a War Labor Board with sweeping powers to step into all strikes and labor disputes.

It has been repeatedly denied by Hillman and his associates that the regional offices of the Labor Division

which will be completely dominated by corporation executives will attempt to play any part in connection with strikes.

There have been persistent rumors, however, that conciliators or mediators of some kind would be attached to the regional offices.

As most labor observers here have pointed out, a conciliation service under the direction of corporation executives would at once become an open strike-breaking agency.

### BIG BUSINESS CONTROL

Hillman is planning to appoint six more corporation officials as representatives, making a total of 22 business representatives in charge of 33 regional offices. Control of the regional offices by big business is guaranteed by the entire organizational set-up as announced by Hillman.

Each corporation executive who serves as a regional representative will have a council of four "advisers"—one from the A. F. of L., one from the CIO and two representing business.

In addition, each regional representative will be assisted by a panel of 10 or more efficiency experts and corporation officials.

The score would thus come to 13 company officials as against two union officials in each regional office.

Since the labor movement is not backing the Hillman training program, the Associate Director of OPM will no doubt follow the same procedure as in the appointment of his Labor Policy Committee, and hand-pick the so-called labor representatives with an eye to getting staunch supporters of the administration's war program.

But this corporation domination of the Hillman set-up is only appropriate in a training program to provide industry with a ready supply of skilled workers, as Hillman says "when and where they are needed."

## Navy Openly Aids N. L. R. B. Violators, Says C. I. O. Leader

Lewis Berne Says Hillman's Shipbuilding 'Stabilization Committee' Is Used to Block Negotiations with Unions

Charging the Navy Department with openly encouraging violation of the National Labor Relations Act, Lewis A. Berne, general president of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, CIO, yesterday wired a protest to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox against his order to shipbuilding companies "freezing" wages.

At the same time, Berne declared that with the Hillman-appointed Shipbuilding Stabilization Committee as an instrument, a "stand-still" agreement blocking negotiations with unions in yards with government contracts, has been in effect for some time.

Shipyards have already taken advantage by refusing to bargain collectively with unions of machine draftsmen and designers, or to consider wage adjustments despite millions of dollars in unexpended profits. The Administration cannot thus proclaim itself as a party to this exploitation of the defense program to depress standards and violate the law," Mr. Berne's wire said.

The announcement of Mr. Knox's request comes on the heels of the information conveyed by the Shipbuilding Stabilization Committee recently to the NLRB that a "stand-still" agreement has been in effect for a considerable period, according to Mr. Berne.

He said that the Stabilization Committee has sponsored an agreement whereby shipbuilding companies and unions were not to seek to change the "status quo," increase wages or negotiate agreements. Mr. Berne charged that this agreement was not made public, that marine draftsmen's unions were not advised nor consulted, and that employers were refusing to bargain in good faith pleading that their hands were tied by Washington.

In a letter to Morris L. Cooke, Chairman of the Shipbuilding Stabilization Committee, Mr. Berne said: "... The fact that this agree-

ment has been in effect for some time, and that no mention has been made of it in all of our correspondence occasions many questions. In our opinion, this agreement is merely being used by the employers to evade the Wagner Act and more unions, are referring us to your committee as authority for their attitude. The situation which arises is thus one of a federal agency sponsoring and being a party to an agreement which is in effect a pact to disregard the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act."

Declaring that the draftsmen's and designers' unions will not consider themselves bound by this agreement, Mr. Berne's letter continued: "While any representatives of labor who have agreed to this situation may be in a position to suspend negotiations or collective bargaining plans, our organization cannot be considered to come within the terms of that understanding."

Mr. Berne also charged that the Shipbuilding Stabilization Committee is considering restrictive measures to generate the rights of the technicians in securing employment, wage increases, etc. He advised Mr. Cooke that:

"The only reports we have had as yet indicate that not only such things as stand-still agreements occupy the Committee, but proposals to establish maximum wages and salaries, restrict the right of men to transfer to another employer, and other restrictive and coercive measures. We see, in these, serious dangers not only to the industry but to the elementary rights of American citizens."



**Rescued From Cal. Flood:** Mrs. Bernice Coleman is comforted by her daughter, Kathleen, after her narrow escape from death in the flood which came to part of Los Angeles and vicinity in the wake of torrential rains. Mrs. Coleman was swept a mile by the torrent. Richard Phelps, 18, was carried to death in a storm drain when he attempted to rescue her.

## Unions Open Conference On WPA and Jobs Today

A conference on national defense and WPA will open today at 1 P.M., at Washington Irving High School, 16th St. and Irving Pl., with 300 delegates representing 100,000 New York WPA workers in attendance.

Some of the speakers are: Rep. Vito Marcantonio, Walter Neff of the American Peace

Mobilization, George B. Murphy of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Conrad Kaye, representing the United Meat Cutters, Herbert Benjamin of the International Workers Order, Austin Hagan of the Transport Workers Union, William Gauden of the National Negro Youth Congress, Isidore Rosenberg of the United Shoe Workers, Louis J. James of the United Automobile Workers, Harold Pink, representing the Federation of Architects, Chemists, Technicians and Engineers, Charles S. Schroeder of the American Mine Workers, I. Schurman, Painters' District Council 9, and Sam Wiseman of the Workers' Alliance.

The conference, sponsored by four unions of WPA workers and representatives of twelve other union bodies, CIO and AFL, will discuss ways and means of achieving "a defense program to make America impregnable to attack from enemies both here and abroad by giving a job, decent living standards and equal opportunity to every American with the will to work."

The participating unions are: National Maritime Union of America (CIO); New York State Federation of Teachers (AFL); United Shoe Workers of America (CIO); Inter-



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## Gala Birthday Fete for Foster Set in Chicago

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Asserting that the birthday of William Z. Foster is the "property of the masses," the State Committee of the Communist Party of Illinois today urged the Party's membership to see to it that the Foster Birthday Banquet to be held here March 9, at the Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and Van Buren Streets, shall be the biggest and most successful affair in Chicago's labor history.

Plans for the banquet were inaugurated by a committee of trade unionists and other progressives from all over the midwest in celebration of the 60th birthday of Foster and his tremendous contributions to the labor movement.

The banquet, it was announced by the committee in charge, will pay honor to Foster's 40 years of activity in the American labor movement and also serve to mobilize the Party's membership and friends for the drive to build the Party and the Daily Worker.

## Launch Browder-Foster Press, Membership Drive

State Committee of Communist Party Announces Campaign Will Be Conducted in Name of Party Leaders; Urges Speed

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party yesterday announced that its current drive for new members and increased Daily Worker circulation will be conducted in the name of Earl Browder and William Z. Foster. It is to be known as the Browder-Foster drive.

In order to give concrete expression to their greetings to Foster, whose sixtieth birthday will be celebrated at a Madison Square Garden meeting on March 17, many sections have adopted Daily Worker and Party building quotas to be fulfilled at that time.

The State Committee announced the Browder-Foster drive in the following resolutions:

"The New York State Committee calls upon the membership of the Communist Party to continue and intensify its drive to build the 'circulation of the Daily and Sunday Worker and the Morning Freiheit, and to build the membership of the Party."

"We call upon the membership to set in this drive with the Browder-Foster initiative, courage and determination which Earl Browder has taught us; to realize that this drive is a means of taking Earl Browder's case to the people. If we do this, the people will register their verdict through a greater Daily Worker and Freiheit."

## Restore Fourth Army Chinese C. P. Demands

Communists Lay Down 12 Conditions for Continued Cooperation With Chungking; Invaders Profit By Chiang's Move

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Yeh-shiang, under whose general command 80,000 government troops attacked 10,000 people of the New Fourth Army.

4. The restoration of Yeh Tsiang's freedom and his reappointment as commander of the New Fourth Army.

5. Return of the ammunition and prisoners taken by the government in southern Anhwei.

6. Compensation for the wounded and dead of the 4th Army in south Anhwei.

7. Immediate steps to stop anti-4th Army operations in central China.

8. Immediate destruction of the blockade along the border regions.

9. Release of political prisoners, including Chang Hsueh-liang and Yang Hu-chin. Commanders of the Manchurian Army responsible for the detention of Chiang Kai-shek in Sian in December, 1936.

10. Abolition of one-party dictatorship and the improvement of the administrative structure based on democratic principles.

11. Realize the will and principles of Sun Yat-sen.

12. Purge pro-Japanese groups, arrest their leaders and court-martial them.

Meanwhile, government troops under the command of Tang En-po, Li Hsien-tsu, Wang Tsung-len and Hsiao Teh-shin are massing along the Lungt'ai railway, and pushing eastward, aiming to cut off the connecting link between the 18th Group Army Shantung troops and the New Fourth Army north of the Yangtze River in north Kiangsu.

JAPANESE USE CRISIS

Five divisions of Japanese troops, massing along the Pinghan railway, are pushing northeastward and have already occupied Singyang, Tsingping, and Wuyang.

Serious fighting has developed between Tang En-po's troops and the Japanese troops, while Wei Li-wang's troops have already engaged the Japanese army along both flanks of the Wei river.

The Japanese army is obviously attempting to:

1. Utilize the present crisis of civil war to encourage the activities of the pro-Japanese groups in Chungking to enforce a compromise with Japan.

2. Utilize the absence of government troops along the Pinghan railway to attempt to gain complete control of the Pinghan area in order to safeguard their rear and to



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

## Two Articles on Civil Service Employees

New York's Invisible Government

The story of Frank J. Priol, publisher of the Chief, and the reactionary dictatorship he maintains over 100,000 civil service workers.

In tomorrow's Sunday Worker Harry Raymond takes you behind the scenes of the Priol organization, the Civil Service Forum, and its network of fake unions.

Also an important article by George Morris on the sanitation workers and the drive of the CIO to break the grip of Priol in the Sanitation Department.

In Tomorrow's Sunday Worker

## See Overflow At 4 Browder Protest Rallies

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn Principal Speaker at Chicago Rally

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drawn by the four Lewistown defendants, whose freedom was won this week through the protests of thousands of workers in Illinois and across the country. The Lewistown four were held on trumped-up charges of criminal syndicalism for circulating Communist election petitions. State prosecutors were forced to drop criminal syndicalism charges against them after seven months, during which an organized movement of the people battled against the jailing of the four.

## FOSTER AT BOSTON

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—William Z. Foster will be the principal speaker at a great Free Browder rally in the historic old South Meeting Hall here Wednesday at 8 P. M. It was announced today by the state committee of the Communist Party.

Other speakers will include Anne Burch, state secretary of the Party; Jack Green, administrative secretary, and Otis Hood, state chairman.

## FLYNN, GATES AT BALTIMORE

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Feb. 21.—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and John Gates, executive secretary of the New York State Young Communist League and a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, were announced today as the principal speakers at a great "Free Browder" rally to be held at Finnish Hall here Sunday, March 23.

MINOR, JOHNSON AT CLEVELAND

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—Response to a call for a great "Free Browder" rally on Sunday, March 2, indicates an overflow crowd will jam the Public Auditorium to protest the Roosevelt plunge to war.

Robert Minor, co-worker of Browder, and Arnold Johnson, state secretary of the Communist Party, will be the principal speakers.

## 18th C.P.S.U. Parley Ends, Stalin Cheered

Litvinov, Others Removed From Central Comm.; Some Made Alternates

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and to transfer I. A. Benedictov and E. A. Shchanskoy from membership to alternate membership in the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

"To expel from alternate membership in the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union the following comrades who failed to cope with their duties as alternate members: D. I. Antonov, N. I. Bityukov, G. D. Weinberg, P. S. Zhemchuzhina, V. P. Zburatlev, N. G. Eshnatov, A. B. Iskanderov, M. P. Kovalyov, N. I. Nevelshin, G. S. Rastoyghin, A. I. Samokhvalov, N. V. Pektleno, A. Frolov, F. V. Shagimardanov, V. V. Yartseva.

"To replenish the membership of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and elect the following comrades as members of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union: O. A. Andrienko, A. A. Volkov, V. M. Denisenko, M. E. Kvasov, K. V. Kliseyev, I. V. Murugov, G. P. Silkin, S. E. Skrynnikov and A. A. Chubukin.

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"To replenish the Central Auditing Commission and elect the following comrades as members of the Central Auditing Commission: V. S. Molotov, V. F. Tribun, I. T. Pereyashin, M. A. Kudinov, V. M. Bokhov, P. S. Oetlarsky, P. I. Golikov, L. S. Grishchuk, M. M. Popov, A. S. Panyushenko, I. D. Papanin, P. G. Borodin.

"To warn M. M. Kaganovich, who as Peoples Commissar of the Aircraft Industry worked poorly, that if he does not improve in his new work, will not carry out the tasks assigned by the Party and the government, he will be removed from membership in the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and from leading work.

"The Congress also resolved to 'warn M. F. Denisov, alternate member of the Central Committee and Peoples Commissar for the Chemical Industry, I. P. Sergeyev, alternate member of the Central Committee and Peoples Commissar of Munitions, S. S. Dukelsky, member of the Auditing Commission and Peoples Commissar for Marine Transport that if they do not improve their work and fail to draw lessons from the criticism of their work at the 18th Party Congress, they will be removed from membership in the Central Committee and Auditing Commission and removed from their posts.

"To warn also Peoples Commissar for River Transport Z. A. Shashkov, Peoples Commissar for the Fishing Industry A. A. Isukov, Peoples Commissar of the Electrical Industry V. V. Bogatyrev that if they do not improve the work of their people's commissariats, don't fulfill the tasks assigned by the party and by the government and fail to draw lessons from the criticism of their work at this conference they will be removed from their posts as people's commissars."

## Nazis Claim Sinking 11,500 More Tons

BERLIN, Feb. 21 (UP).—German air attacks on convoys in British waters yesterday resulted in the sinking of three steamers totaling 11,500 tons and severe damage to four large ships, the German High Command said today.



Frederick V. Field (left), AFM executive secretary, and Morris Watson, AFM national labor representative, review plans for nationwide mass meetings on Washington's birthday to protest the "lend-lease" bill and to prepare for great delegations from all sections of the country to the American People's Meeting in New York on April 5 and 6.

## Nationwide Peace Rallies Washington's Birthday

American Peace Mobilization Announces Coast to Coast Meetings to Protest Passage of Lend-Lease War Bill

Americans will rally in meetings from coast to coast this weekend on the 209th birthday of George Washington, to bring home to Congress the overwhelming demand of the people for peace, and to lay the groundwork, in the spirit of the early Continental Congresses, for delegations from

## 'Liberty Ball' To Launch ALP Congress Race

Connolly to Open His Campaign at Gala Celebration

Eugene P. Connolly, American Labor Party candidate for Congress in Manhattan's 17th district special election, will open his campaign tonight at the Royal Windsor, 60th St. and Broadway, the Progressive Committee to Rebuild the ALP announced yesterday.

The ALP candidate will appear at the party's "Liberty Ball," commemorating Washington's Birthday, which will feature the Blanch Calloway Radio Firebrands Orchestra, the well-known Havana Rumba Cucaracha and famous stars of stage, screen and radio.

Connolly, who is chairman of the ALP New York County Committee, is the only one of the three candidates in the special election, which will take place March 11, who will campaign on an anti-lend-lease platform and to keep America out of war.

Joseph Clark Baldwin, Republican, and Dean A. Alfange, the Tammany candidate, have agreed not to make the Lend-Lease Bill an issue in the campaign.

## LEADING ARTISTS

Connolly said he has already received several hundred letters applauding him for his stand. Besides the two famous bands, the Royal Windsor affair will feature such outstanding artists as Will Geer, Morris Carnovsky and Harold Rome.

Both to support the ALP progressives as well as to launch Connolly's campaign many leaders of labor will be on hand, including Dr. Bella V. Dodd, Joseph Curran, Michael J. Quill, Frederick Myers, Ferdinand Smith, Joseph Selly, Lewis Merrill and Arthur Osman.

The affair is receiving wide support, a committee of prominent writers, artists or professionals having issued an appeal in support of the event.

Among the members of the sponsoring committee are: Norman Barr, Adelaide Bean, Lyman R. Bradley, Martha Dodd, Philip Evergood, Maurice H. Forge, George Golden, Helen West Heller, Dr. U. Himmelstein, Rockwell Kent, James M. Kieran, Bruce Minton, Clifford Odets, Earl Robinson, George Seldes, Lionel Stander, Eda Lou Walton and Dr. Max Yergan.

## Threaten Sub Attack

ROME, Feb. 21 (UP).—The newspaper Popolo Di Roma said today that Germany and Italy this spring would unleash against Britain the greatest submarine attack the world ever has seen.

## Darlan Parley With Laval

Falls, Border Tightened

VICHY, France, Feb. 21 (UP).—Vice Premier Jean Francois Darlan failed in his negotiations at Paris to restore French-German relations or to make peace with Pierre Laval, it was indicated today.

Darlan returned to Vichy yesterday and conferred with Marshal Philippe Petain, chief of state, and Yves Routhillier, Finance Minister.

At about the same time, it was learned that the Germans had again tightened their control of the border between occupied and non-occupied country.

French Ship Torpedoed In Bay of Biscay

MADRID, Feb. 21 (UP).—A French steamer was torpedoed in the Bay of Biscay by an unidentified aircraft, it was reported today, and the crew rescued by a Spanish fishing boat.

## Willard Battery Plant Struck In Cleveland

Workers Demand Pay Rise and Safeguards Against Lead Poisoning; Act After Company Stalls Negotiations

By Wes Bodkin (Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 21.—With 11 of their shopmates facing the threat of death from lead poisoning acquired at their jobs in the Willard Storage Battery plant, 700 workers were out on strike today completely closing down the plant as they pushed the fight to put an end to murderous working conditions and unsatisfactory wages.

The workers are members of United Automobile Workers, CIO, under the leadership of regional director Richard E. Reisinger.

One other strike under the leadership of the UAW in the Standard Tool Co. is going into its fifth week. The Willard Storage Battery Co. strike came after many week of futile negotiations.

Angered by stalling of the company over demands for wage increases and for safeguards against lead poisoning, the men felt that the company is playing with the lives of their shopmates.

Demands include guarantees against lead poisoning; wage increases of cents an hour; improvement of the medical department; compensation for those disabled by lead poisoning; adequate relief periods, and an educational program for foremen as a further health measure.

The strikers have called a union meeting to organize the work of the strike and to elect officers for the next year.

The call for the meeting states: "We have been in contact with the company representatives for over a month on a list of demands which include a pay increase and so far no satisfactory reply has been given. By the time you read this we will have had their answer and action will have been taken. It is therefore doubly important that each member be present Sunday morning in order that they be fully informed of the action to be taken by this local in order to enforce our demands."

Meanwhile, David T. Roadley, Federal Labor Conciliator, is trying to settle the strike.

## Buffalo Anti-War Pickets to March At Mead's Home

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 21 (UP).—Organizations opposed to the lend-lease bill announced today they will picket the home of Senator James M. Mead, D. N. Y. as part of a weekend series of demonstrations against the measure.

It was announced that the protest will be sponsored tomorrow and Sunday by the Buffalo Peace Mobilization Committee and affiliated organizations including the American Labor Party.

Plans for the protest include a parade tomorrow to the Mead home. Marchers are to carry a coffin labeled "American Democracy" and signs held by masked pickets will denounce the lend-lease bill as a "threat to freedom and a forerunner of war."

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## PM Tries Tricks with a Headline-- In Defense of FDR's Policy on Ford

In letters an inch high, the front page of PM yesterday proclaimed: "U. S. Orders Ford to Negotiate With CIO."

Someone reading just the headline would think that the Roosevelt Administration is cracking down at last on this open-shopper and violator of the National Labor Relations Act. And that apparently is just what Editor Ingersoll of PM wants people to think for he knows that there is widespread dissatisfaction with the Administration policy.

The facts, however, are something else again. In the headline, "U. S. Orders Ford to Negotiate With CIO," for "U. S." read "National Labor Relations Board"; for "Ford," read "one

of the smallest Ford plants—at Richmond, California."

It is true that this NLRB decision is an important victory for the UAW-CIO. It was no gift from the White House, however, but was won as a result of two strikes that have taken place in the plant. If you want to know the real "U. S." (meaning the Roosevelt Administration's) policy on Ford, it is not to be found in this NLRB ruling. It is to be found in the series of government contracts handed out to the open-shopper, beginning with the one for \$122,000,000. As a matter of fact, the latest in this series of fat contracts was announced on Wednesday before the House Judiciary Committee by William S. Knudsen. This new contract, to be forthcoming shortly, is for airplanes and has the approval of Sidney Hillman, Knudsen disclosed. In its report on Thursday of Knudsen's testimony before the House Committee, PM failed to mention this newest contract for Ford.

The next day PM blossomed out with the completely misleading headline on the NLRB decision.



# Flood of Outraged Protest Against Warmakers' Move to Jail Earl Browder Continues to Mount Throughout the Country

The spontaneous outraged mass protest from America's grass-roots against the savage jail sentence against Earl Browder continues to pour in. From scores of organizations and individuals from all walks of life the deluge of telegrams and letters come.

Today, for the fifth successive day, the Daily Worker prints a sampling of this protest.

## MIDWEST COMMUNISTS

Earl Browder:

For the second time you are faced with imprisonment for your courageous leadership in the fight of the American working class against imperialist war.

The workers and farmers of the Midwest, of Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska, well remember your heroic stand when your voice rang out from the plains of Kansas during the last great blood bath, and the penalty you had to pay. A hundred times more today than last time will your example be an inspiration to the workers and farmers of the nation's breadbasket who are against participation in this imperialist war with all their heart and soul. We pledge to you that we shall not rest until you are completely free to actively lead the workers and farmers of America.

We shall follow your teachings and example in the struggle for peace and socialism, which shall forever end war.

For the Tri-State District Committee of Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa, M. R. CARSON, H. J. HESTER, W. R. ATTERSON, C. F. MARTIN.

Earl Browder:

Your conviction further step into war. Pledge support against attack on civil liberties, peace of American People.

YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, JIM HUDSON, Milwaukee.

## NEW YORK

Earl Browder:

Branch 4 pledges determined and unceasing support in the people's fight against your conviction by the Supreme Court.

The ruling class is hopelessly deceived if it thinks prison bars can shut you out of the hearts and minds of the American people in their struggle for peace and freedom.

We are answering this injustice by increasing immediately our efforts to build the Party and the workers' press.

With comradeship affection, Branch 4, 1st & 2nd A. D. Manhattan.

Earl Browder:

I am not a Party member, but I promise to work like one. I will not rest, my rest will derive only from my efforts to free Earl Browder from the outrageous sentence imposed on him.

Browder's cool composure, fighting spirit of the working class, brilliant and critical mind will be in my conscience guiding me. I will write, protest, agitate.

We will win! Adios J. D.

Earl Browder:

The outrageous decision against you is a serious blow against the struggles of the American people for peace and civil rights. But the powers that be are a million times mistaken if they think they are stifling the voice of our leader and our Party. We are answering this vicious attack without greatest efforts in rallying the people for your freedom. Peace and the building of our Party and press.

Executive Committee, East Harlem Section, Communist Party, TONY RIBAUDO, Secretary.

Earl Browder:

Your name will live long after your jailers have vanished from American scene. We pledge relentless struggle for your freedom and redoubled efforts to build our Party and press as answer to war mongers who engineered your imprisonment.

21st A. D., Branch 12, Kings.

## CULTURAL WORKERS

Earl Browder:

Outraged by Supreme Court decision. The American People know that you were convicted because of your fight for peace. We pledge ourselves to fight unceasingly for your freedom and for the freedom of the working class.

A GROUP OF CULTURAL WORKERS.

## BROOKLYN DOCTORS

Earl Browder:

Branch 48 of 18 A.D. consisting of physicians pledge our devotion to the cause for which you are now being persecuted and promise to redouble our efforts on behalf of peace and democracy for the American people. We will work unceasingly for your liberation and the building of the party

## N. Carolina Communists

Earl Browder:

We pledge to you increased effort in the great struggle for peace and socialism as a fitting reply to the attempts of the warmad reactionaries to silence your voice. Wall Street and the Roosevelt administration cannot imprison the desire for security and peace on the part of the common people of our country. By following your teachings the people will be victorious in spite of the terror, born of fear of the people, unleashed by the money lords and their agents.

BART LOGAN, State Secretary, Communist Party, North Carolina.

## Clothing Workers

Earl Browder:

We, a group of workers and members of the "Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America," pledge, in answer to the Supreme Court decision and to the ruling class tactics, that no power in the world will ever stop us from one moment from carrying on the fight for your freedom and from struggling against involvement in war and from mobilizing all other sections of the population for a more powerful and gigantic mass movement for getting out and staying out of the imperialist war, maintaining civil liberties and economic security.

For the group, M. M. Norwich, Conn.

## PITTSBURGH COMMUNISTS

Earl Browder:

Supreme Court and Administration decision to imprison you is attack upon all peace forces. Pledge to carry out successful fight for your freedom and entire working class.

BEN FINDLEY, Turtle Creek Section.

Earl Browder:

Haven't lost this battle yet. We'll fight to get you out. BRANCH 4 B

## MILWAUKEE

Earl Browder:

We members of Branch 26 condemn the sentence imposed on you because of your leadership and devotion to American working class. We will do all we can to for your release and build a stronger Party and the press.

ORGANIZER BRANCH 26, Communist Party, 2nd A. D. Kings County.

National Committee, Communist Party.

In answer to the outrageous attempt on the part of the government and Supreme Court to persecute and stifle the life and voice of our comrade, Earl Browder, we pledge, in these historic days, our redoubled vigor to destroy President Roosevelt's dictatorship and plan for war, to bring to the people the real reasons for the government's ruthless policy of smothering the only correct opposition to its plans for a fascist America, and we vow to fight on for the freedom of our beloved leader, Earl Browder.

Comradely, GROUP 3 BRANCH 7, 1st and 2nd A. D. Manhattan.

## MILWAUKEE

Earl Browder:

Wisconsin workers and farmers sharply condemn the outrageous action of the Supreme Court in confirming the cooked up conviction in your case. By this culminating act in a long series of foul deeds the Roosevelt administration displays its arrogant drive to deeper involvement in this imperialist war and its contempt for the Bill of Rights.

The Supreme Court no longer deigns to perfume the stinking corpse of capitalist justice with the pretense of "impartiality." We in Wisconsin will fight for your freedom knowing that that this fight is the fight for freedom for the whole working class.

N. SPARKS, F. B. BLAIR.

## NEW YORK

Earl Browder:

We pledge our untiring efforts for your release. We also pledge to recruit new members and to increase the circulation of the Daily Worker.

Branch 271-27, Industrial Section.

Earl Browder:

The Branch Organizers of the Fourth, Sixth and Eighth Assembly Districts in conference tonight wish to add their voices to the tremendous protests against the frameup you are being subjected to. It is with rage at the foulness of a class that could stoop to such villainy that we pledge to spare no muscle, no brain, no energy to bring speedy success to the struggle for your freedom. The struggle for peace is completely tied up with the struggle for your lib-

# 'THEY HAVE RECKONED WITHOUT THE PEOPLE.... SALUD'

Dear Earl Browder:

The Nine Old Men of Reaction have put the stamp of approval on you. They have told the working people of the earth that "Earl Browder," can't be bought, Earl Browder can't be shut up, Earl Browder won't jump on the filthy imperialist war band wagon. So Earl Browder will have to be shut away.

But the Nine Old Men of Reaction have not reckoned with the people. We common people of New York and Georgia and Florida and Mississippi, we common people who sweat and bleed and build, will NEVER let the voice of Browder be stifled. In millions of American homes, we are going to raise the cry "FREE BROWDER." Millions of Americans will have their eyes opened to the rotten brand of capitalist justice, that sends one of our finest citizens away to prison for four years, while notorious gangs, and crooks live in high style and freedom.

They hope to do it by breaking up his home.

But, you vultures, beware! Your day of reckoning is fast approaching!

We, Hamilton Heights Branch 7 B, in our humble way, pledge our unwavering loyalty to our Party and to you, our great leader, Earl Browder. We further pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to bring about your complete and unconditional freedom.

Executive Board, Hamilton Heights Branch, Communist Party.

## STUDENTS

Earl Browder:

We, a class of students in political economy in the Workers School protest your unjust sentence and pledge that we shall work against exploitation and war with increased understanding.

JAMES GREEN.

Earl Browder:

We, members of a class in political economy at the Workers School, pledge to work for your release and the defeat of the war mongers. We further pledge to use our knowledge for the building of a greater working class movement and the establishment of a Socialist society.

GEORGE CARSON.

Earl Browder:

All progressives recognize Supreme Court decision as attack on peace, security of people. We pledge to multiply our efforts to bring about your freedom to build resistance of moves against fascist war plans at Wall Street and to build the Party which you are leading to victory.

E. G. FLYNN BRANCH, First A.D., Bronx.

Earl Browder:

We, students in American History at the Workers School, together with the rest of the American working people, condemn your and William Wiener's unjust sentence. Our struggle for peace and security will never cease until we achieve our ultimate victory—Socialism.

Class in American History, Workers School.

Earl Browder:

The march toward Socialism will not be stayed by bars or by legal chicanery. We pledge that we shall not rest until you are released and again free to lead the way to our ultimate victory.

STUDENTS, Workers School.

Earl Browder:

Students and I, studying the history of the C.P.S.U., inspired by the magnificent, heroic and victorious struggle of the Russian Bolsheviks wish to convey to you, the greatest American Bolshevik, our sincerest pledge of support for your release, and redoubled work for the Socialist solution of the problems of the American people.

TED WELLMAN, Workers School.

Earl Browder:

Your conviction is a high point in Wall Street's desperate drive to drag our people into total imperialist war and to stifle the voice of the most courageous and beloved leader of the American working class in the struggle against it. This decision is aimed at every home in our district.

With this brazen decision the sanctimonious Supreme Court sheds its last bourgeois democratic pretensions and stands before us as the naked tool of monopoly capital against the people. In answer we pledge to show the Italian and Jewish masses of our neighborhood the Communist road of united struggle against the war makers and their government and against their Social Democratic stooges in our section. This Sunday will be a Free Browder Sunday and every street will ring with the cry Free Earl Browder.

SECTION COMMITTEE, 1st and 2nd Assembly Dist.

Earl Browder:

Faculty and students of the Workers School join in expressing their protest, indignation, and condemnation against the decision of the Supreme Court upholding the unjust conviction of Earl Browder and William Wiener. Prison walls will not silence the powerful voice of the greatest leader of the American working class and the greatest exponent and teacher of Marxism-Leninism our country has produced. The lessons you have taught will remain with us. We pledge to in-

We pledge our word and our working class solidarity, that we will carry this fight from one end of America to the other. We will flood the mails with Browder speeches, and Browder statements. We will bring socialism to millions of more people. . . . The people know and feel in their hearts, that the voice of Browder was the voice of the 99 per cent of the American people who gain nothing from imperialist war but slavery and death. . . .

I will be at one of the many meetings Monday, I will be so close to you that I can feel your honesty and your integrity, though I sit in the last seat in the last row in the house. . . . This is the people's fight, and we will make it. . . .

Carry on comrade. . . . There is no greater privilege than being in the party of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Browder.

Salud, D.

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Earl Browder:

We, the members of the Peter V. Cacchione Section 100, Kings County, realize that your conviction will be a boomerang against the capitalist court which could only render a decision in favor of its own class. We also realize that the people, not the courts, will render the final decision.

We therefore pledge to exert our fullest efforts to arouse and educate the people in our community to the true meaning of your conviction. We will swell our ranks, and lead forward in working class to its ultimate victory.

Peter Cacchione Branch, Communist Party.

Dear Mr. Browder:

I want you to know that I consider your conviction a gross miscarriage of justice. My friends and myself pledge ourselves to continue the work needed to preserve peace and democracy, the fight which you have so ably led. Be assured of continued support in the battle to stay out of war and the fight against fascism.

R. M.

Earl Browder:

Fighting for your immediate release. Nine recruits, all quotas filled.

Kings County, Branch 12.

Earl Browder:

I wish to express my shocked feelings upon hearing of the decision of the Supreme Court. I know you received the decision philosophically, but more than that, I know you know that the Communist movement will not be halted by this dastardly act of vindictiveness.

It has always been so in history—this renaissance and upsurge of progress in spite of attempts to stifle leaders. Only today history is made more quickly.

Looking forward to your liberation, at the head of the emancipation of the masses, I am fraternally and affectionately yours.

J. C.

CHICAGO

Earl Browder:

Dear comrade we stand solidly with you in this struggle and we will fight for your release.

The 40th Ward Branch.

Earl Browder:

We, the members of Branch Two, Section 60, resolve never to stop working for your release. We'll work to build a strong Party and press, for these are the sure guarantees for the freedom of you and the working class.

BRANCH TWO.

# Spain Veterans Pledge Fight to Free Browder

Earl Browder:

Behind special technicalities of the Embargo Law the Roosevelt administration helped strangle democratic Spain.

Utilizing technicalities in the same way they hope to strangle peace by silencing your voice. We shall work to defeat this attempt by fighting for your freedom.

IRVING GOFF, Executive Secretary, Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

First, to continue to build the Party press and by rallying the people for your freedom.

BRANCH 1, 8 and 10 A.D. Kings, 98 4th Ave., Bklyn.

## Washington, D.C., Communists

Earl Browder:

By its outrageous sentence against you the U. S. Supreme Court and American capitalist justice have sunk to a new low. Through this action the Roosevelt government has demonstrated its fear of our Party as the most effective instrument with which to open the eyes of the American people to this gigantic conspiracy against their peace and freedom.

Although your conviction is intended as a blow against the peace forces of our country it will become a boomerang. The fight to "free Earl Browder" will unmask the schemes of the warmongers against the whole labor movement. This fight will become the center of all that is honest and healthy in American life. In rallying to the slogan "Free Earl Browder" the American people will enter a higher stage in their struggle to achieve their freedom from imperialist wars and capitalist slavery.

In this crusade to secure your freedom the Party in the nation's capital pledges all its strength.

MARTIN CHANCEY, City Secretary.

Buffalo Unionists

Earl Browder:

Trade unionists of Erie County feel that conviction of Earl Browder is a blow at civil liberties and is a step towards military participation in war we join thousands of other throughout the county in pledging ourselves to renewed efforts for peace and socialism.

Trade Union Branch, Erie County.

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Publishing Workers

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By the frame-up of Earl Browder, the Robber Barons who have seized control of our country hope to silence the voice of the leader of the people's movement against their plot to drag America into imperialist war.

We, the members of the Communist Party branch in the publishing industry, are determined, together with all true Americans, to break this plot against the lives and welfare of the people.

This attack should be the signal for the greatest drive in our history to build the Communist Party and the Party press. Our branch pledges to recruit three new members within six weeks; get three trial subscriptions to the "Daily" every week; and to redouble the efforts to fulfill successfully all our Party tasks.

Branch 10, Sec. 12M.

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Nassau County YCL.

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# New AAU Champs to Be Crowned Tonite

Rice One of Few Seen Repeating—Beetham Tries for Double—MacMitchell Anchors NYU Relay

The 53rd annual AAU championship meet tonight at the Garden will present all the top flight performers in the land battling for the 17 titles. Included in the galaxy of stars are 14 of last year's champs.

But Leslie MacMitchell, individual mile star of the current season, will forego competition in that event against Chuck Fenske, Walter Mehl, and John Munski among others, to run the anchor leg for N. Y. U. on the 1 7-8 mile relay.

Rice, the almost unbeatable mite of the indoor world, will be out to protect a string of seven consecutive victories this season and a skein of 14 straight over two seasons indoors when he runs in the three mile event. Last year the former Notre Dame star shattered the three-mile standard with a 13:55.9 clocking.

If the veteran McCluskey wins the two-mile steeplechase, he will gain his 23rd national title. Blois, world record holder in the shotput, should meet little trouble in his division.

New York University's relay teams must be included in the favorites' division because the Violet contingent took three of the four relay titles last year. Only important absentee will be Jimmy Herbert who helped his team to two triumphs in 1940.

# DAILY WORKER

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## Gallagher Signs Rookie Stringer

### Monroe Upsets Clinton 36-32; Franklin In

Lacine Stars as Bronx Race Is Tied in Knot

De Witt Clinton's Bronx title-bound team (they thought) came a cropper yesterday in the person of the James Monroe team, which nipped the Red and Black on the Moshulu Parkway court 36-32 to throw the Upper-Manhattan-Bronx race into a tie that will probably have to be resolved by a playoff between the same two teams.

The Monroe victory reversed an earlier defeat at the hands of Clinton. The victors, led by six foot four Kober, who was sinking pivot shots, and Lacine, a brilliant floor man and shot, rushed Clinton off its feet to lead at the half 24-12. Clinton came back in the second half ala NYU, but after coming within two points at 34-32, missed the tying basket and Monroe led it with another. Kraus led Clinton with eight points.

One of the city finalists is already certain, as Benjamin Franklin, defending titlist, clinched the Manhattan title with its 52-28 romp over Commerce, 34th victory in a row for Coach Spiegel's Harlem aces.

Over in Brooklyn Thomas Jefferson can get no worse than a tie for the Division I lead, despite the sensational sudden death upset Eastern District turned in over the previously unbeaten Brownsville quintet.

In Division 2, New Utrecht and Erasmus, each once beaten, remained tied for the lead in beating Manual and Madison respectively. The outcome of that race will be settled by their meeting on the Bensonhurst court next week. Jefferson will be favored over the survivor in any case.

With the defeats of Jefferson and Clinton this week, only Franklin maintains its undefeated status, which is as it should be in a year that finds undefeated quintets a rarity on the college court too.—L. R.

### DIMAGGIOS WORK OUT



Joe DiMaggio, two-time batting champion and star of the Yankees, left, and brother Dominic of the Red Sox work out in a San Francisco gym. Joe is holding out for a substantial increase. Dom leaves today for the Sox camp.

### But Main Cubs Hold Firm in Mass Holdout

Bill Lee Attacked for Criticizing Bonura Release

After long telephone conversations with Lou Stringer, strike second baseman, the Cubs' General Manager Jim Gallagher announced yesterday that Stringer had signed his contract, and "demanded" having combined with the other Cubs in the mass holdout that still stands most of the regular stars refusing to yield to the pay slashes. Gallagher also announced the signing of Clay Bryant, who nursed a sore arm last year and recorded but one victory.

Gallagher attacked Bill Lee, one of the veteran holdouts, for having ventured an opinion that it was a mistake to let go Zerk Bonura. Lee told a reporter: "Zerk's a pretty good long hitter and that's something we've needed." Asked about the prospects of signing up, Lee said, "I haven't signed at that kind of money and it doesn't look much like I will." Gallagher, ex-head coach during the Guild strike, said of Lee's remarks:

"So Bill's not only going to quit the club, he's going to run it in absentia." He added: "Lee's contract calls for a lot more than he was worth last year."

With the Cubs in a spontaneous mass strike against the pay cuts, but with no union organization, Gallagher is working overtime to break them away one at a time. Rookie Stringer is the most important player he's succeeded with yet. The great majority of the team's stars are holding firm.

### Report Greenberg Asks Deferment From Draft

DETROIT, Feb. 22 (UP).—The Detroit Free Press said today that Hank Greenberg, left-fielder of the Detroit Tigers and "most valuable player" in the American League, has asked for an occupational deferment from army service until the end of the baseball season.

The Free Press did not divulge the source of its information but said Greenberg's request, in which he requested deferment "as a necessary man," was returned Feb. 14 to his draft board.

Ben O. Shepherd, chairman of Board No. 23, said he had no knowledge of any such request. The Free Press said Shepherd said it "the request may have been made by mail in the last two or three days."

Ralph Norton, another member of the board, refused to comment on the report but said the board might discuss Greenberg at a meeting this afternoon.

Jack Zeller, general manager of the Detroit Tigers, said he had no knowledge of Greenberg's intentions as a formal request for deferment necessarily would be accompanied by a report and affidavit from the Detroit Tigers baseball company or the owner Walter O. Briggs, stating that the selective is essential. Briggs is wintering at his Miami Beach, Fla., home.

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## On The Score Board

The 'Sun' Goes to Work on Peckinpough

By Lester Rodney

The "New York Sun" has opened up with the first tentative whack at Roger Peckinpough, the successor to Oscar Vitt as manager of the Cleveland Indians. The Indians, you recall, broke a few precedents last summer with a mass player petition listing grievances against Vitt and asking his ouster, and in so doing incurred the wrath of the "Sun" and most of the other papers.

Subsequently the facts came out that the players were right, and, after the fight was over, Vitt was no longer manager and it was impossible to add the public about the affair any longer, even the "Sun."

Now the "Sun" very obviously not satisfied with the fact that the Cleveland players, and not the Sun sports writers, determined the outcome of the Cleveland team's affair, has opened up on Peck. An article in yesterday's sport section is headlined, "Indians Learn New Manager Has Less Rules."—Leniency of Peckinpough Is Known to Baseball Men and Confirmed."

The article, by the "Old Scout" (who is most often the 26-year-old Herb Green, by the way), quotes Peck as saying:

"Why not let the boys sleep late as long as they get to the ball park on time? Anybody making between \$2,500 and \$10,000 a year ought to know how to take care of himself." And then goes on to draw a dire picture of impending cautions, rifts and loss of morale on the 1941 Indians. It goes back to praise Vitt's handling of the players (!!) and says "... baseball men are saying Peckinpough is making a mistake in letting the Indians do as they please during the summer months."

The cowardly lack of ethics in taking Peck's simple statement of faith in his players' self-discipline and stiping at the "results" of his tactics before he even has taken over the job is evident. So is the "Sun's" outright contempt for the Cleveland players, and all players for that matter.

In trying to make its peevish "case" against Peck appear sound, however, the "Sun" tangles itself in a ridiculous contradiction by mentioning the fact that "There is no better behaved ball club than the Yankees under Joe McCarthy." The obvious inference here is that Peck's methods are opposed to McCarthy's, while Vitt's were similar to them.

This inference is practically slanderous to McCarthy, who commands the Yankee players' admiration and discipline in a way the shrieking, insulting and irresponsible Vitt could never understand. The basis of the Yankees' "good behavior" (as the "Sun" puts it) or high team morale and adult world in winning as many ball games as possible (as we would put it), lies in McCarthy's treatment of the players as responsible human beings, as directly opposed to Vitt's contemptuous, taskmaster bullying. McCarthy takes his players' desire to keep in condition, pull together and win for granted. Any player who doesn't fit into that pattern doesn't stay on the Yanks. Ben Chapman wasn't wanted on the team. Lee Grissom was cut loose last spring when he broke training and ignored the self-imposed team discipline. McCarthy is never seen screaming insults at his players, as Vitt often was, never tries to relegate them to inferior positions in talking to newspapermen, as Vitt did. Nor did anyone ever see McCarthy stand in front of the dugout on a day when Red Epping was being hit and shout, "WHAT THE HELL—AND I'M SUPPOSED TO WIN PENNANTS WITH PITCHERS LIKE THAT," as Vitt did to Bob Feller one day in Boston.

It was the Cleveland players who had to complain that Vitt was irresponsible and injurious to team morale, not the other way around. McCarthy approaches the problem of team morale with the proposition that his players are mature men who are out to do their job and will take care of themselves. Any who don't want to be out, as he's demonstrated. Peck, in saying that the boys "know how to take care of themselves" continually has the same idea as McCarthy. And the Cleveland players, whose first aim is to win the pennant, and not as the "Sun" implies, to take advantage of a manager's "leniency," have welcomed the change from Vitt to Peck with audible relief in the knowledge that they'll be able to pull together and go as far as their talents will take them.

And it's not very likely that Peck and the Indians are going to be much bothered in going about their job by the "Sun's" vindictive attack.

Tommy Tucker of New York had a 44-pound weight advantage last night over Jimmy Webb of St. Louis in their 15-round light-heavyweight elimination fight in Madison Square Garden.

As the official weigh-in at noon, Tucker scaled 173½; Webb 169½.

Casey Fined \$100

HAVANA, Feb. 20 (UP).—Pitcher Hugh Casey of the Brooklyn Dodgers today suffered the first fine of the spring training season when he was docked \$100 by President Larry MacPhail for reporting four days late. Casey presented no excuse for the delay and accepted the fine without comment.

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